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For: IDENTIFICATION OF A NOVEL
RETROVIRUS ASSOCIATED WITH
PRIMARY SCLEROSING CHOLANGITIS
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**REQUEST TO ESTABLISH SMALL ENTITY STATUS
AND TRANSMITTAL OF VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING
SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Attorneys for Patentees request that Small Entity Status be established in connection with the above-identified patent and submit herewith an original executed Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status - institution for higher education for Alton Ochsner Medical Foundation, assignee of the above-identified application.

It is requested that this document be made of record in the file of the above-identified patent.

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